

THE PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

If you can't fly then run
If you can't run then walk
If you can't walk then crawl
But whatever you do
you have to keep
moving forward.

- Martin Luther King

Dear Parents / Guardians / Students,

I hope that the first week of learning went well and we are now back into the achieving mindset for term 2. As we come back 'physically', I would like to share some thoughts with you.

Firstly, we want you all to know, that we are looking forward to seeing you on campus. Although, we have ensured as best as possible that we are Covid proof, please do ensure that while on campus you follow all the Covid Protocols. That means wearing your mask at all times except when you are eating and drinking. Ensuring that you wash your hands regularly. We remind you that it is mandatory for you to wash your hands before you enter Jarusato, please use the washing facilities outside of the dining.

Secondly, as we resume physically, I would like to remind you of the school's expectations with regards to uniform and conduct. It is very important that we are proud of our school and proud to represent it by the wearing of its uniform. The reminder of our expectations appears further in this newsletter.

Thirdly, I would like to remind you of the launch of our 'See it! Say it! Campaign. Our desire is to have a school which is transparent, a school where we are all responsible for each other. We want to encourage the BIS community, to be active citizens and not passive bystanders. If you see something which isn't right or witness an incident, it is very important that we do not stay silent. We have placed 'See it! Say it! Boxes around the campus. We have also set up a whistleblowing email: seeitsayit@bisnigeria.org.

Fourthly, to our year 11 and 6th Form students, please pay special attention to the dates of your Mock Examinations (31st January – 11th February). These examinations are important, they are used for teachers to make predictions, they are also used by the school for applications to further education institutions. You have already received the Mock Examination Timetable, use this as the basis of putting together a study timetable for yourself. The new head of year 11 (Mrs. Cynthia and the new head of 6th form (Mrs. Aminat), will meet with you all to share study techniques. Please use this time wisely and prepare to succeed.

Lastly, the new year and the new term, comes with hopes and expectations. We appreciate the support and the high regard you hold the school in and we do not take it for granted. As a school, we too, have hopes and expectations of students and parents, all these hopes and expectations are basically the same, that we work to ensure that our children have an excellent learning experience in and outside of the classroom. This is to lead to the ultimate goal of both families and the school, that our children will #bethatmore and will indeed have #agreatertomorrow.

Warm regards,

Kevin Donnelly



Physical Resumption for Term 2 (Lent Term)

Curriculum Cycle: Week B

Sunday 16 th January 2022	Boarding Students return to school (entry closes at 5pm)
Monday 17 th January 2022	Physical Lessons resume (all students should be in school by 7.55am)

Requirements for Entry to School (Resumption)

As we you are very aware a new Covid variant is spreading quite rapidly across the World. We are also very conscious that the number of Covid cases in Nigeria are also on the rise with the largest number being found in Lagos state. With this being the case, we wish to inform you that all students and staff will require to have a **negative PCR test** no later than **72 hours before resumption** (16th January for boarders and 17th January for day students.). The negative result should either be sent to the health unit at healthunit@bisnigeria.org or you may bring it with you on the day of resumption. To assist with this requirement, the school has arranged a discounted fee for the PCR tests with the following health providers:

Arrive Alive Diagnostics and Imaging

Ikoyi Location

35, Cole Street,

Ikoyi

Opening hours: 8am to 3pm

Surulere location

13, Bourdillon Road,

Off Mabo Street, Ojuelegba, Surulere

Opening hours: 8am to 5pm

Process Flow: Log onto <http://aadisbooking.com/>

Book a lab test

Choose Corporate/Bulk

Bulk ID: 0048

Contact Person: 08165669872

Cost: 35,000 naira

Evercare Hospital

Lekki Phase 1

Code: BIS

Cost: 40,000 naira

Please note the discounts above are only valid for the 'back to school' PCR

See it! Say it! Campaign

The school is very conscious of its responsibility to keep all students and staff safe, whether on health grounds, security or from emotional harm. To this end, we are launching a campaign to encourage all the BIS community to speak out when they see something which is wrong. We have placed 'See it! Say it! Boxes around the campus and have also set up an anonymous email address for anyone wishing to report seeitsayit@bisnigeria.org

LAMDA CENTRE

We are delighted to announce that the school has now become a London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts (LAMDA) examination centre. Our students in years 7 to 9 during their drama lessons will be taught by instructors from LAMDA and will at the end of the course be entered for an external examination marked by examiners from UK. www.lamda.ac.uk

External Examination Registration

We would like to advise that the registration period for these examinations is from 21st December until 9th February 2022. Please return the data page of International Passports and the IGCSE Registration Proforma by Wednesday 19th January.

Entrance Examinations for session 2022/2023

The next examinations for those wishing admission for next session will take place on the following dates:

Saturday 22nd January 2022

Saturday 12th March 2022

For further information please contact the Registrar. registrar@bisnigeria.org

BIS School Uniform from Top to Bottom 2021-2022 Academic Session

- Hairstyles should not be exotic or attention seeking
- Hairstyles should be tidy with no visible hair product
- Boys' hair should be above the collar, not cover their ears and short on top. (Step 3 of the clipper blade is what is appropriate for boy's hair.)
- Girls' hair should be tied back at all times. Naturally, long hair is permitted but must be packed. Extensions must be no longer than collar length
- Students must have their natural hair colour extensions must match the hair.
- Girls may have braided hair but it must be kept out of their face.
- Plain hair ornaments or bands of one school colour only.
- Boys must be clean shaven.
- There should be no visible facial make up.
- Girls can wear one pair of small stud earrings on their ear lobes (gold, silver, or school colours only), no other piercings e. g nose studs.
- White shirt should be worn with top button fastened and school tie.

- Shirts must be neatly tucked in.
- Only white vests or t-shirts with no writing and patterns under shirts.
- Girls should not wear underwear of a colour visible through their shirts.
- After school the top button can be undone but no ties around necks.
- No visible necklaces.
- The school shop sells rain coats, black V neck jumpers and green blazers no other coats, jackets or jumpers are permitted at BIS.
- Short or long-sleeved approved school shirts may be worn.
- Shirt sleeves may be rolled to the elbow in a crisp military fashion.
- No bracelets, rings or charity bands.
- No nail varnish – clear or pink nail varnish is not acceptable. Nails should be short for health and safety reasons.
- Boys black trousers round their waists not ‘sagging’.
- Girls’ tartan shirts should not be rolled up so they are too short. Skirts should sit on or slightly below the knee.
- Black socks for boys, white socks for girls either knee length or ankle socks.
(No emblems)
- Plain formal black leather shoes (not trainers).
- Boys’ belts should be plain.
- All items of school clothing including school bags and books must be labelled.

Code of Conduct

How we conduct ourselves:

1. We are courteous, thoughtful and compassionate in the way we speak to other people; pupils, teachers and support staff, everyone in our community.
2. We are accepting of all individuals regardless of differences and we entirely reject any form of prejudice or discrimination.
3. We are understanding and supportive of the needs of all members of our community.
4. We respect our own and others’ property.
5. We are courteous and thoughtful at all times.
6. We treat the school site with respect, taking particular care neither to drop litter nor to damage the grounds or the fabric of the site.
7. No mobile phones are permitted in the school premises. Any phone found will be confiscated until the end of term.

How we appear:

1. Our appearance should convey pride in ourselves and in our school.
2. While the school ‘Dress Code’ allows for some individuality, our appearance should always reflect a sense of modesty, dignity, professionalism and due consideration for others.
3. Punctuality is a professional quality, therefore, any student who arrives after 8am on two occasions per week will be sanctioned per 30 minutes’ detention on Fridays after school.

How we work:

1. We respect the right of others to learn and teachers to teach. We try our best academically.
2. We respect deadlines and accept responsibility for our own organisation and timekeeping.
3. Our use of technology is responsible, respectful and in line with school policies. This expected code of behavior at BIS is based on common sense, common courtesy and a reciprocal sense of trust between staff and pupils.
4. We treat others with sympathy, understanding and tolerance thus responding positively to the demands that community life places upon us.

Heads of Year

As part of our review with regards to our Pastoral Provision, we are delighted to announce that we have appointed 'heads of year'. The head of year will line manage the form tutors of a specific year group and will be responsible for the day-to-day supervision and management of their designated year group in terms of academic and social, emotional and physical wellbeing.

Year Group	Head of Year	Email Contact
Year 7	Mrs. Sandra Nnamani	Year7head@bisnigeri.org
Year 8	Ms. Amajuoritse Mene	Year8head@bisnigeria.org
Year 9	Mrs. Oluwaseun Adewolu	Year9head@bisnigeria.org
Year 10	Ms. Jacinta Nkwachikwu	Year10head@bisnigeria.org
Year 11	Mrs. Cynthia Ojeh	Year11head@bisnigeria.org
6 th Form (Year 12 and 13)	Mrs. Aminat Adefarakan	6thformhead@bisnigeria.org

Parent's Workshop

One of the new initiative this term is the introduction of an online workshop for parents. This will take place every month. The first of these will take place on Wednesday 19th January, the theme: 'Who are Gen Z? Log in details will be sent on Monday. Please tune in.

Term Dates

Lent Term: 10th January - 15th April 2022

January 6 th	Staff return
January 10 th	School resumes/ Online lessons
January 16 th	Boarders return
February 21 th – 25 th	Half Term
April 6 th	Lessons end
April 8 th	End of Term

Term 2 Events Calendar

Date	Event
January 2022	
Monday 10 th	School resumes / Online lessons
Thursday 13 th	PTC (Y7-9) 8am – 12pm
Friday 14 th	PTC (Y10-13) 8am – 12pm
Sunday 16 th	Boarders return by 4pm
Monday 17 th	Physical lessons begin
Wednesday 19 th	Parents Workshop
Friday 21 st	Mathematics house competition
Saturday 22 nd	Entrance exam/ Stage 2 scholarship award assessment
Friday 28 th	Technology house competition
Saturday 29 th	Visiting day for junior girls boarding students 1:30pm – 4pm
Sunday 30 th	Visiting day for junior boys boarding students 1:30pm – 4pm
Monday 31 st – Friday 11 th	Mock (Y11 -13)
February 2022	
Monday 7 th – Friday 11 th	Half Term CAT (Y7 – 10)
Monday 14 th – Tuesday 15 th	Prep for sports day
Wednesday 16 th	Career fair (Parents workshop)
Thursday 17 th	Sports day
Friday 18 th	PTC (Y11-13)
Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th	Half Term
Sunday 27 th	Boarders return by 4pm
Monday 28 th	School resumes
March 2022	
Friday 4 th	Inter-class science project competition
Sunday 6 th	Visiting Day for intermediate girls boarding students 1:30pm – 4pm
Monday 7 th	Progress tests (Y11-13)
Friday 11 th	Poetry slam (Communications faculty)
Saturday 12 th	Entrance exam / CMI/ 6 th form open day
Monday 14 th	Prefects application open
Wednesday 16 th	Parents Workshop
Friday 18 th	Music/Dance house competition Entrance exam BIJS/ Deadline for prefect application
Saturday 19 th	Visiting Day for senior boys boarding students 1:30pm – 4pm / CMI
Sunday 20 th	Visiting Day for senior girls boarding students 1:30pm – 4pm
Wednesday 23 rd	Whole school photograph
Thursday 24 th	Prefect interviews
Friday 25 th	Humanities house competition
Saturday 26 th	CMI
Monday 28 th – 1 st April	End of Term examination
Thursday 31 st	Music / Drama / PE practical examination
April 2022	
Friday 1 st	D of E Onsite camping / Swimming gala
Monday 4 th	Art Exhibition / concert in the park
Tuesday 5 th	Drama Production
Wednesday 6 th	Drama production

Thursday 7 th	PTC (Y7-9) 8am – 12pm
Friday 8 th	PTC (Y10-13) 8am – 12pm
Monday 12 th – Thursday 15 th	Easter revision courses